

REMARKS

Claims 22-38 are pending in this application. Claims 1-21 have been cancelled. New claims 22-38 have been added.

It is believed that the "claims" section of the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 22, 2006, did not comply with the rules, as it did not mention claims 18-21. In order to avoid confusion, a further preliminary amendment is submitted herewith, which is believed to be in compliance with the rules.

Entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is in order, and an early and favorable first action on the merits is respectfully requested. However, in the event of any outstanding issues, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below in an effort to expedite prosecution.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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